HEROIC WORK OF THE DEFENDERS

of the Union. Had they failed the Union would have been dissolved, the silver cord loosed, the golden bowl broken at the foun-tain; rival confederacies of States at war with each other; ferocious factions strug-

with each other; ferocious factions strug-gling for supremacy—hate, malice and treachery rampant; with one flag here, and another flag youder, while Old Glory would be folded up and laid away among the memorials that preserve the memory of the dead Republics.

When I think of what these men have done I feel that if the poorest and hum-blest of their number were placed in rags by the side of the most exalted son of roy-alty arrayed in the finest raiment of the

alty arrayed in the finest raiment of the world, I would hasten to grasp the hand of the old soldier of the Union and hail him noblest of men, for none are titled nobles than the man who is but an American. Surely it is right, just and proper that our Government has provided so liberally for caring for the defenders of the Union

in their old age by the establishment of Soldiers' Homes, and by

PROPER PENSION LEGISLATION.

During the awful financial depression in this country, a few years ago, all the banks locked the money up in their vaults, and poor people could get no work, because there was no money in circulation with which to pay them, or to carry on business. Everything was at a standstill, and sorrow and gloom prevailed everywhere. Then it was that the pensions proved of such great benefit to poor people, for that money came regularly from the Nation's Treasury, and scattered contentment and peace throughout the homes of thousands of poor men and women. Truly, the pension is the best friend the poor people have to-day in this country.

ountry.
We are told that men are getting penwe are told that men are getting pen-sions who don't deserve them, because, judging from appearances, they seem not to be deserving. But who can tell, by looking at the man,

WHAT HIS WOUNDS

or ailments may be? I assert that no man could pass through the hardships of war, on march, in the camp, and on the battletield, and emerge therefrom the same man—physically or mentally—that he was when he enlisted. He may never

was before. We hear so much, also, about the large

number of frauds on the pension roll. Of course, there may be some who are frauds.

LET NO GUILTY PERSON ESCAPE.

brought to the bar of justice, let him or her be dealt with as an individual pension

fraud—not in such manner as to cast a stigma upon all other persons who may be drawing a pension. Because one mem-

ber of a large family may become a crim-inal is no reason that any one should in-timate, by insinuation or inuendos, that all the other members of that family are

We do not believe that any person

We do not believe that any person should be given a pension who is not entitled to it under the law. We do not believe in throwing open the United States Treasury to the pension seekers. No, not by any means. We want to protect the Treasury; so do these old soldiers; they are just as loyal to-day as they ever were; they protected that Treasury once with their arms and with their lives, and would do so again, if need be. They do not want a cent to which they are not entitled. But if one of them is entitled under the law to

if one of them is entitled under the law to a pension, even but \$6 a month, let the great, rich, and powerful Republic which

they once saved give it in a princely way, as though it were a genuine pleasure to

do so, and not in a grudging way, as though he was not entitled to it.

MOST OF THE OLD SOLDIERS ARE POOR;

they did not have an equal chance for ac-cumulating wealth with their fellow-citi-

zens who remained at home while they

Then those who remained at home and prospered should raise no objection to a grateful Nation's properly and justly car-ing for those who bore the brunt of the con-

liet which rendered the existence of this nighty Nation a possibility. Certain laws have been enacted by Con-

criminals.

### MAGNIFICENT

By Hon. Webster Davis, at Arlington, in the Presence of President McKinley.

are over 7,000 Posts in the Grand Army of PATRIOT THOUSANDS ON THAT WONthe Republic. Every Memorial Day each one of these gets the best orator and poem the can procure. Naturally it desires to have the cration and poom published in 300,000 strong"?

rifle did not cease.

The total number of men comprising the

Union forces, in Army and Navy, during the civil war, aggregated about 2,000,000. There were over 100 land battles in which

men. At Gettysburg, alone, more than 50,000 Americans were lost—nearly half of them being defenders of the Union. On

both sides which participated in that con-flict more than half a million lives were lost before its end. Counting those who re-

ceived wounds not considered mortal, but

who have been dying since from their effects, nearly 700,000 soldiers who wore the blue have died. How appalling this is when you contemplate its magnitude! If the graves of those Union soldiers were

placed side by side they would extend almost a distance of 500 miles. Stepping

YOU MIGHT WALK FROM WASHINGTON

TO PHILADELPHIA, thence to New York, thence to a point 20 niles beyond Boston, and still be on the raves—a distance almost as great as that

from Washington to Cineinnati; almost one-sixth of the distance across the conti-nent, from Washington to San Francisco.

These men, together with their comrades

sacrificed everything—the comforts of home and the happiness and hopes of the future; they offered their services and their lives for the service of their country. They tread their backs on for the services and their lives for the services of their country.

turned away from young wives with prat-tling babe at the breast; some from the dear

turned their backs on fortune.

from one to the other

the other lost more than

one side

nearing the end of life's journey. And I can not help but womder is it possible that can not help but womer is it possible that this remnant of old crippled veterans is all that is left of that once wonderful Army—the greatest Army in all the world! And are these the strong, ragged ye of Americans who saved the trenon more than a third of a century ago? Are these the imiscolar miners who, in the mines of Feansylvania, heard the call for voluntors? Are these the near who is eyes were as keen as the eagle's as they emerged from the pine woods of Maine? Are these the young patriots whose step was as light as that of the bounding deer on the granite hills of Vermont, who hashesed away to defend their country? Are these the For obvious reasons THE NATIONAL
TRIBUNE has had to refuse to publish
Memorial Day orations and poems. There

DROUS MARCH TO GLORY,

filling the forest aisles with their battle

have the cration and poem published in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and each Post has the same rights to publication as every other. But to publish all that are offered us would take up far more cpace than the entire paper for a year. To avoid invidious discrimination we have to make a rule not to publish any.

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PROPER PENSION LEGISLATION.

The money paid for pensions nearly all remains in this country, and it goes directly into the channels of trade, and greatly reduces local taxation for the support of the poor; some of it goes to poor farmers and farmers' widows. In every country hamlet and village, as well as in every city, the physician, the druggist, the groceryman, the fuel man, and the landlord, all are directly interested, for as soon as the pensioner receives the pension money the first duty is to pay for the necessaries of life, which have been furnished by their neighbor tradesmen in expectancy of the forthcoming pension.

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ground, and it seemed for a time that he was lost; but his fingers closed around the great dog's throat, and holding him at arms' length, he summoned all his strength, the dog writhed and struggled, but the man held on; officers and men hurried to him and cried "Let him go; we have guns; we will kill him;" but the hero held on until finally he threw the dog to the ground dead. Knowing that if there was a single scratch upon his hands it meant certain death from hydrophobia, he hascertain death from hydrophobia, he has-tened to wash them. When he had done so he held them up and said, "They are not

THANK GOD, I AM SAVED." Then strong men, with pale faces, praised him; weeping mothers thanked him; and haby lips were held up to kiss his bearded

So, when the various States of the Union, all bound together in bonds of unity and friendship, were each endeavoring to do their part toward the upbuilding of the Davis, Assistant Secretary of Interior. The reasons for this departure from our rule are that the crator—a Son of Veterans, and a firm friend of the veterans—occupies a peculiar position toward them, and has diligently striven to ameliorate the harsh conditions of the Evans regime. His oration said very many truths in regard to the veterans that need proclamation at this day from so prominent a rostrum as Arlington, and the immediate presence of the President of the United States.

Commander And Veterans:

You were called upon to take part in the most terrible war of the inneteenth century. There have been wars of longer duration, but none more terrible than that war of neighbors against brother, and father against son. For the process of the North can are toward the make a country great and a nation strong and invincible. The republican idea is that the people can be trusted to govern themselves; this is the highest type of Government known to the world. But it will none more terrible than that war of neighbors against neighbors, brother; and father against son. For four long wars the eigh of the picket's Republic, when peace and prosperity abounded, and thrift and industry every-where was at work in mill and factory and



ADDINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY-VIEW WITHIN THE GROUNDS

country is their country, that they have agony at home, as they cared for those thing babe at the breast; some from the dear country, that they have agony at home, as they cared for those od mother whose face was wet with tears a personal proprietorship in its history, in the honor of its name, and in its dignity women who, in camp, on battlefield and in they made all this sacrifice for principle.

These men were hardened and finely temsor of the instance of the instance of the proprietorship in its history, in the honor of its name, and in its dignity women who, in camp, on battlefield and in hospital, cared for the sick and wounded soldiers. Ah, yes d like Damascus steel by heroic labors | battlefields, radiant with the common hardships for their country. The glories of its heroic defenders on land and "The maid who binds her warrior's sash pered like Damascus steel by heroic labora | tottlevelds

GRANDER, BRAVER, OR BETTER MEN. They marched, camped, fought, bled and Fulweil Buckston, was a giant in stature, one starry teardrop hangs and tremble died together. Doubtless many of them, and beloved by all who knew him. One Though heaven alone records that tear died together. Doubtless many of them, as they closed their eyes in death, gazed down the vista of the fe-ture, and saw in part the realization of the hopes and dreams of their vanished youth, and were content with the work assigned them—that of aiding in saving the imperishable solidity and glory of the Union. And as I see their surviving comrades marching along the streets on Decoration Day, bearing the flowers of Spring time to the cemetary to place them on the graves of their comrades who have gone before, I notice their tottering steps, their feeble forms, bending under the weight of years, some

We have been told that the great scholar, With smile that well ner pain dissembles, The while beneath her drooping lash One starry teardrop hangs and trembles;

"The wife who girds her husband's sword 'Mid little ones who weep and wonder, And bravely speaks the cheering word, E'en though her heart be rent asunder;

While to her breast her son she presses Speaking a few brave words and brief, Kissing the patriot brow she blesses; With no one but her secret God To know the pain that weighs upon her, Sneds hely blood as e'er the sod Received on freedom's field of honor."

We rejoice, to-day, that we live in mighty Republic—a land of freedom and equality of rights; a land wherein every American boy is heir to a kingdom, and the boundary of that kingdom is the limit of his personal enpacity. A land where everything is possible to every citizen, and where the only restraints upon the full en-joyment of life, liberty and the possession of happiness are the necessary restraints of society against the abuse of these bless With no tyrant ruling over them; with no privileged classes of society formed in layers, like the earth's crust, as it is in the aristrocratic lands; but society, like the

Certain laws have been enacted by Congress granting pensions to disabled soldiers and their dependents. The members of Congress represent the people—they are bone of their bone, flesh of their flesh, and blood of their blood—they know what the people want, and they are held responsible by the people for what the they do in Congress. It was evidently intended by Congress to render justice to whom justice is due. Therefore, in the administration of those laws, a generous and patriotic construction should be given, and the laws administered in the spirit of justice and fairness in which they were enacted. Let human justice reflect divine justice as the quiet lake the star. the quiet lake the star.

For the first time, on Memorial Day, we decorate the graves of men who FOUGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN TWO WARS.

Some of the little lads whose hearts were almost broken when father went to war in the long ago are now sleeping in soldiers' graves, near their fathers here, under the trees in Arlington, while the mother, old and gray, comes with two bunches of for-get-me-nots—one for the husband's grave covered with sod, the other for the son's new nade grave, as yet crowned only with clay The courage of these soldiers of both wars was the courage of conscience. It was not simply the love of war for itself. It would not have hurried them to the fool It would not have hurried them to the foot of the pyramids nor across the snow fields to Moscow to set the stars of glory upon the glowing brow of ambition. But it was courage that had the power to brace the spirit for the patriot's fight, to die, if need be, in the defense of the flag of the country wherein they had their homes.

Old veterans of the North and South, your cross has, indeed, been a double one; not only have you suffered the hardships of war as active participants, but in another

Its mimic splendors and its cloud-like bars.
There shall free labor's hardy children stand.
The equal sovereigns of a freeman's land."

With feetile lands yielding an abundant.

The when the cheers are ringing loud, I'm not among them there.

With fertile lands yielding an abundant increase; with splendid systems of transportation; with commerce extending to almost every section; with a mighty population increasing in wealth, annually—in the presence of blessings like these, thrilling with the consciousness of citizenship in a Government more glorious than any that ever evisted, surely we should be went to see them march away, I hollered that ever existed, surely we should be thankful for a privilege so great. All this is the result of the

TRAVELING IN ALASKA.

Not So Easy as Pictures of Eskimo Dog Sledges Sag-Harper's Magazine.

Alaskan sleds are built of wood with the rest,
And didn't they look fine, that day,
marchin' four abreast,
With my boy James up near the front, as
handsome as could be,
And wavin' back a fond farewell to mother
and to me:

If e Alaskan sieds are built or wood
as light as is consistent with strength,
and lashed together with hide ropes so
that the whole framework will give readily
and not be easily broken by the constant rough usage to which they are subjected. The sled is from 9 to 10 feet
long, and 18 or 20 inches wide, with the And didn't they look fine, that day, a marchin' four abreast, with my boy James up near the frent, as handsome as could be, and wavin' back a fond farewell to mother and to me; I vow my old knees trembled so, when they had all got by.

I had to jist set down upon the curbstone there and cry.

And now they're comin' home again! The record that they won Was sich as shows we still have men when men's work's to be done!

There wasn't one of 'em that flinched, each feller stood the test, wherever they were sent they sailed right in and done their best!

They didn't go away to play—they knowed dwn on the Cuban shore!

But there's a grave somewhere, to-day, down on the Cuban shore!

I guess I'll not go in to town to see the boys come in; There'll be enough to welcome 'em—to cheer em when they come

A-marchin' four the side and the whole length of the sled is from 9 to 10 feet long, and 18 or 20 inches with walturs to the sled are handles coming up high enough for a man to push and guide it without bending very much. There is a cover made of light drilling, which is pread in the bottom of the sled, and large enough so that after the articles have been packed on snugly it hauls up over the load and the ends overlap on top, down on the Cuban shore!

I guess I'll not go in to town to see the boys come in;
There'll be enough to welcome 'em—to cheer em when they come

A-marching bravely to the time that's beat upon the drum:

A dat the whole framework will give readily and not be easily broken by the constant tough used to go inches with with they are subtant to the sled as from 9 to 10 feet long, and 18 or 20 inches with with wall and the rear sides of the I sake the constant to sub the sled are handles coming up high enough for a man to push and the rearity sub the fall while though a part of the sled, and large enough so that after the articles have been packed on snugly it hauls up over the whole length of the sled, and large of from tobacco. A well-known of the sled with hide thongs.

I have seen many pictures of the m

upon the drum;
And the boys'll never notice—not a one of ground. Where there is no benten trail—as was the case most of the distance we

MONUMENT TO THE UNKNOWN DEAD, ARLINGTON.

for the era of good feeling that prevails comes up with him, when he runs on to-day between the North and South. This alone is worth all the cost of the war with Spain. Somewhere, to-day, two old will maintain a trot which is too fast for a have received a wound, may never have been confined in a hospital; but, never-theless, no human body can withstand the shock and strain of war and be as good as it was before. This alone is worth all the cost of the war with Spain. Somewhere, to-day, two old veterans—one who wore the blue and the other the gray in the war of 61—will stand by the side of the new-made graves of their sons who fell in the war of '98, and as the tears roll down their wrinkled faces they will grasp hands, and as they are drawn together in sympathy, grief and friendship, they draw together the once divided There are nearly a million names on the pension-roll, and it would be very re-markable if there were not some which they draw together the once divided sections of an unhappy land. All honor to the defenders of our country,

on land and sea, living or dead, in all our wars. All honor to our President and his Cabinet, to all officers of the Army and

markable if there were not some which ought not to appear there. Can you gather together a million men and women in this world anywhere and not find some who are frauds? But if the frauds are as numerous among the pensioners as some people assert they are, why are they not brought to punishment? We have a strong Government, which is ever ready with a mighty force of officers, sworn to do their duty, skilled and well equipped for the purpose of bringing criminals who violate the laws of the country to justice. Let them proceed to arrest all these frauds, and let them be punished to the full extent Cabinet, to all officers of the Army and Navy, to all sailors and private soldiers who are yet fighting in foreign climes.

As one people, with one country, one flag, and one destiny, let us stand together and meet with courage and wisdom the problems of the future. Let loyalty and patriotism be the virtues that shall ever blossom in the hearts of our united people.

The young soldiers of the North went away, a few months ago, with the music and let them be punished to the full extent of the law; away, a few months ago, with the music which their fathers loved upon their lips:

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was borne As he died to make men holy, let us die make men free." And the boys left the sunny South march

ng to the music so dear to every Southern eart:

"Away down South in Dixie; In Dixie's land we'll take our stand, To live and die in Dixie."

Thus they went away to Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines. Led by men who once commanded Union and Confed-erate armies, they marched and fought in erate armies, they marched and fought in the same uniform of blue, and died in de-fense of the same flag. And on their re-turn a united Nation of patriots greeted them and joined with them in the mighty chorus which filled the Republic with melody. It was heard in castles and on thrones in foreign lands, and by people in the islands of the sea as we shouted our jubiles. inbilee:

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in layers, like the earth's crust, as it is in the aristrocratic lands; but society, like the corean, so broad, so long, so deep, and so free in all its parts, that each grain of sand that mingles with the waters at the bottom may rise through all the currents until it gleams like—

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"Wheresoe'er our destiny sends forth Its widening circles to the South and North;"

Where'er our banner floats beneath the stars

On acceptance of ambition. But it was courage that had the power to brace the spour of ambition. But it was courage that had the power to brace the sourage that had the power to brace the spirit for the patriot's fight, to die, if need bepirit for the patriot's fight, to die,

For the soldier that would miss me ain't a-goin' to be there!

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